

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A fixing device for fixing a toner on a sheet, comprising:

at least one electricity storage device;

a heat generation part generating heat by using electric power supplied from the at least one electricity storage device;

a fixing member heating the toner on the sheet to fix the toner on the sheet, said fixing member heated by the heat generation part; and

a power control part configured to control the supply of electric power from at least one of an external power source and the at least one electricity storage device to the heat generation part;

wherein the power control part, when a temperature of the fixing member drops due to passage of one or more sheets, supplies electric power from not the external power source but from the at least one electricity storage device to the heat generation part.

6. (Previously Presented) The fixing device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the at least one electricity storage device comprises a capacitor.

7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The fixing device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the power control part comprises:

a selection part alternately selecting one of a first mode and a second mode, said first mode in which electric power is supplied from not the external power source but from the at least one electricity storage device to the heat generation part, said second mode in which electric power is supplied from not the at least one electricity storage device but from the external power source to the heat generation part.

11. (Currently Amended) A fixing device for fixing a toner on a sheet, comprising:
at least one electricity storage device;
a heat generation part generating heat by using electric power supplied from the at
least one electricity storage device;
a fixing member heating the toner on the sheet to fix the toner on the sheet, said fixing
member heated by the heat generation part; and
a power control part configured to control the supply of electric power from at least
one of an external power source and the at least one electricity storage device to the heat
generation part, the power control part including, ~~The fixing device as claimed in claim 5,~~
~~wherein the power control part comprises:~~

a selection part alternately selecting one of a first mode and a second mode,
said first mode in which electric power is supplied from not the external power source
but from the at least one electricity storage device to the heat generation part, said
second mode in which electric power is supplied from both of the at least one
electricity storage device and the external power source to the heat generation part.

12. (Currently Amended) A fixing device for fixing a toner on a sheet, comprising:
at least one electricity storage device;
a heat generation part generating heat by using electric power supplied from the at
least one electricity storage device;
a fixing member heating the toner on the sheet to fix the toner on the sheet, said fixing
member heated by the heat generation part; and
a power control part configured to control the supply of electric power from at least
one of an external power source and the at least one electricity storage device to the heat
generation part;

~~The fixing device as claimed in claim 5~~, wherein the heat generation part comprises a plurality of heaters, and at least one of the plurality of heaters is connected to the at least one electricity storage device and the external power source to receive electric power from the at least one electricity storage device and the external power source.

13. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus, comprising:
the fixing device as claimed in claim 5,
wherein the sheet on which a toner image is formed in accordance with an electrophotographic method is carried to the fixing device.

14 and 15. (Cancelled)